

Minnesota Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) Ranking Sheet (Rev. 03-2019)

County:	0	Date:		Section:	
Applicant(s):		Length (Check one):		Township:	
Address:				Range:	
SCIMS NAME		Acres in the Application:	0	Perpetual	
				30-Year	

Is Application Part of an Existing Project previously enrolled in WRE/WRP? ☐ ...If YES, list NEST ID's

Is Application Part of other applications which form a Group Project? ☐ ...If YES, group project name

Is the land subject to an easement or deed restriction that provides similar restoration and protection of wetland functions and values? YES NO

1. Existing Condition of eligible areas to be restored to **HISTORIC** conditions (50 Pts Maximum)

A. Effectively drained through hydrologic alterations (cropping success in >8/10 years) AND currently cropped
Check alterations that are currently present and functioning on site

Surface ditches	choose from drop-
	-----down menu or
	enter your own

Enter %
↓
50 Points X % of Area = Points

B. Partially drained through hydrologic alterations (cropping success in >5/10 years) AND currently cropped
Check alterations that are currently present and functioning on site

	choose from drop-
	-----down menu or
	enter your own

30 Points X % of Area = Points

C. Eligible riparian areas within 300' of bank. Riparian area will be treated with structural practices.
Identify planned structural practices:

	choose from drop-
	-----down menu or
	enter your own

25 Points X % of Area = Points

D. Eligible riparian areas within 300' of bank. Riparian area does not require treatment or will be treated with vegetative/non structural practices only.

20 Points X % of Area = Points

E. Wetlands farmed under natural conditions (this is crop cessation wetlands)

10 Points X % of Area = Points

F. Existing degraded wetlands that have been or are being used for food and/or fiber production that have SIGNIFICANT hydrologic alteration

5 Points X % of Area = Points

OR

Partially drained through hydrologic alterations and has cropping success <5/10 years

TOTAL DOES NOT EQUAL 100 PERCENT

1) Weighted Average Points

2. Estimated surface acres of hydrology to be restored (crop cessation does not count) Maximum 50 points

Pothole - # Basins		Pothole - Acres		Non Pothole - Acres		PTS
>4		> 10		>100		50
4		5.1 - 10.0		75 - 100		35
3		1.0 - 5.0		50 - 75		20
2		0.1 - 0.9		25 - 50		10
1		< 0.1		< 25		0

2) Points

3. Percent of easement area annually planted to row crops; includes CRP; Maximum 10 points

(Row crops are rotations where hay or grassland does not equal or exceed 3 years)

	Points
Greater than 75 % annually planted	10.0
Between 50 and 75 Percent	5.0
Between 25 and 49.9 Percent	0.0
Less than 25 Percent	-5.0

3) Points

4. Wildlife: T/E Species, Fragmentation/Complexity/Patch Size (Maximum 25 Points)

A. Will restored area provide habitat for rare species (documented occurrence of rare species within one mile of offer)? List species below

Federally Listed 10 Pts	<input type="text"/>	
State Listed 5 Pts	<input type="text"/>	

Points

4A)

B. Is site within 0.5 mile of existing wetland complex greater than 25 acres in size, (5 Pts)
(must be public or conservancy ownership, existing easement or shown on NWI)

YES	<input type="text"/>
NO	<input type="text"/>

4B)

4) Points

C. Size of habitat to be restored/protected. Equal to 2% of proposed project area (Max 5 Pts)

4C)

5. Water Quality Criteria (5 Pts Each; Maximum 15 Points)

Check all that apply

- A. > 50% of offered acres are in a 303D/TMDL impaired water? ☐
- B. > 50% of runoff from offered area drains to and is located within 1/2 mile of DNR Protected Waters ☐
- C. > 50 acres of active cropland (outside project area) will drain directly into the restoration site ☐

5) Points**6. Location Significance (Maximum 20 Points)**

A. Location of Offered acres on USFWS HAPET map (Appendix 1)		20 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	6A) <input type="text" value="0"/>
		15 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		10 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		5 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B. Location of Offered acres on MNDNR Prairie Plan Map (Appendix 2)				
- DNR Prairie Conservation CORE Area		10 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	6B) <input type="text" value="0"/>
- DNR Prairie Conservation Corridor Complex Area		5 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C. Proximity of Offered acres to existing permanently protected conservation area				
- Offered acres are adjacent to existing permanently protected area		10 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	6B) <input type="text" value="0"/>
- Offered acres are within one mile of a permanently protected area		5 Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	

6) Points**7. Cost Benefit Maximum 20 points****A. SITE RESTORATION COSTS (maximum 10 points)**

Enter cost estimate based on preliminary WRPO

Offered acres that will be restored/enhanced (upland and wetland)

- <\$600/acre - 10 Points
- \$601 < \$1200 - 5 Points
- \$1201 < \$1800 - 0 Points
- >\$1800 - MINUS 15 Points

WRE Acres

-
\$
\$0.00

Cost per Acre

7A) **B. SITE ACQUISITION COSTS (maximum 5 points)**

Average Cost per Acre for Easement Acquisition (based on GARC)

- < \$1,500 per Acre (5 points)
- \$1,501 - \$2,200 per Acre (3 points)
- \$2,201 - \$3,000 per Acre (1 points)
- > \$3,000 per Acre (0 points)

7B) **C. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS (maximum 5 points)****1. Structural Operation & Maintenance**

- a) Preliminary WRPO contains structures which will need to be maintained, and a 3rd party has agreed to accept responsibility (5 pts)
- b) Preliminary WRPO contains only vegetative practices (3 pts)
- c) Preliminary WRPO contains structures which will need to be maintained by NRCS (0 pts)

7C1) 7) Points**8. Size Criteria** For this criteria, use the total acreage of your project, not just the restorable wetland portion. (For Group Projects Use the Total Acres/Number of participants--See Calculation Below) **10 Points Maximum**

Number of restorable acres from eligibility checklist (Pothole)

Number of restorable acres from eligibility checklist (Non Pothole)

Total acres offered for WRE enrollment

A. Restorable Wetland Portion is Depressional and Total Project acreage is <20 (minus 25 Points) **OR**

Restorable Wetland Portion is Slope/Flat and Total Project acreage is <40 (minus 25 Points)

B. Restorable Wetland Portion is Depressional and Total Project acreage is >20 and <100 (0 Points) **OR**

Restorable Wetland Portion is Slope/Flat and Total Project acreage is >40 and <100 (0 Points)

C. All Projects 101-250 acres (5 Points)

D. All Projects >250 acres (10 Points)

8) Points**9. Length of Easement**

- A. Permanent OR Corresponding acquisition by a Conservation Agency or Organization that will offer permanent protection **OR** 30-Yr Tribal Contract. (0 Points)
- B. 30 Years (-10 Points)

9) Points**10. Financial Contribution by Others**

Will the landowner or others contribute financially to the enrollment? To qualify for these points, contribution pledge must be documented in writing (attach), AND reduce NRCS base cost by at least 20%

YES (5 points)

NO (0 points)

10) Points

11. Bonus Points

To be added by the Biologist or Wetland Specialist Only in consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service. (10 Points maximum)

Does the site have some unique features or conditions which are not reflected in the ranking (bog, fen, quality shrub/carr);

OR does the site contain wetlands restored through other programs; OR does it add value to an existing WRP easement or other protected area? Provide documentation.

YES	<input type="text"/>
NO	<input type="text"/>

Enter 0-10 Points - 11) Points

12. Proximity to Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape

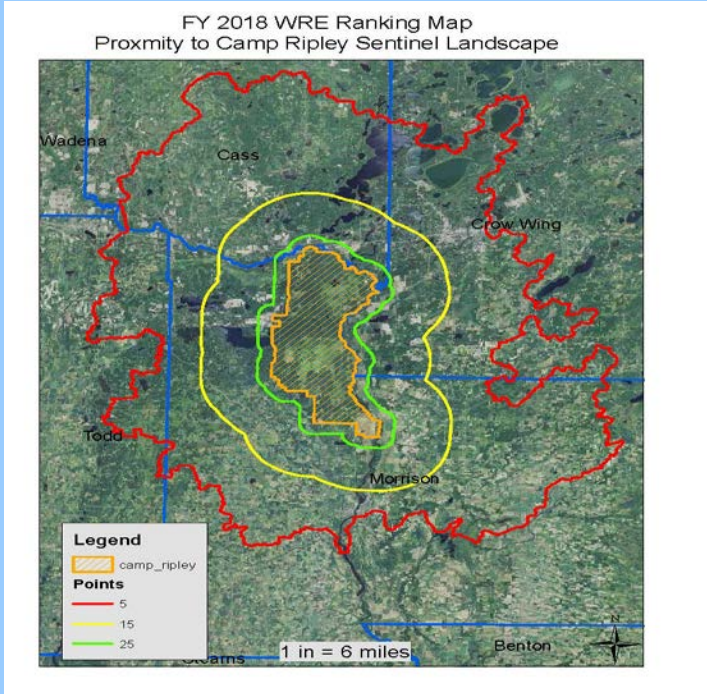
Greater than 5 miles from Camp Ripley boundary but within Sentinel Landscape boundary

Easement is 1 to 5 miles of the Camp Ripley boundary

Easement is less than 1 miles of the Camp Ripley boundary

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

12)	<input type="text"/>	0	5 Points
12)	<input type="text"/>	0	15 Points
12)	<input type="text"/>	0	25 Points



13. Red River Basin Initiative Points (Maximum 15 points) - THESE POINTS SHALL ONLY BE APPLIED TO APPLICATIONS

THAT WILL COMPETE WITHIN THE RED RIVER BASIN SPECIAL INITIATIVE FUND POOL

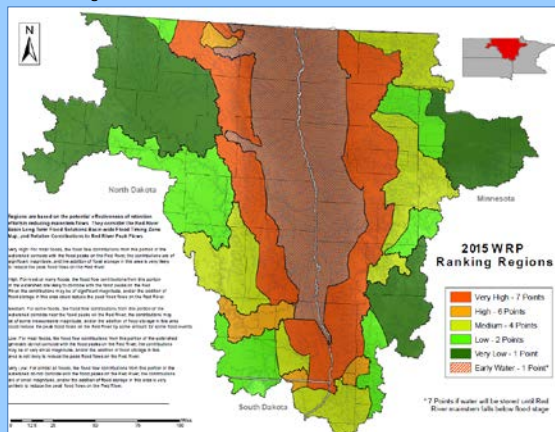
1. Will this easement offer be part of a controlled temporary flood storage project of greater than 100 acre/feet?

YES (5 points)

2. Is the easement offer part of the comprehensive water retention plan of the local water board or is the offered area under review or being studied by a project team or interdisciplinary team?

YES (3 points)

3. Location significance within the Red River Basin



Very High	<input type="text"/>	(7 points)
High	<input type="text"/>	(6 points)
Medium	<input type="text"/>	(4 points)
Low	<input type="text"/>	(2 points)
Very Low	<input type="text"/>	(1 points)
Early Water*	<input type="text"/>	(0 points)**

** 7 points if water will be stored until Red River mainstem falls below flood stage

13) 0 Points

Total: (Max 215 points)

Comments Regarding Bonus Points:

SUMMARY OF RANKING FACTORS

HYDROLOGY	(maximum 100 points)	-
CROPPING HISTORY.....	(maximum 10 points)	-
WILDLIFE	(maximum 25 points)	-
WATER QUALITY	(maximum 15 points)	-
LOCATION SIGNIFICANCE.....	(maximum 20 points)	-
COST / BENEFIT	(maximum 20 points)	-
EASEMENT SIZE	(maximum 10 points)	FALSE
EASEMENT LENGTH	(maximum 0 points)	-
OTHER CONTRIBUTION	(maximum 5 points)	-
BONUS POINTS	(maximum 10 points)	-
RED RIVER POINTS	(maximum 15 points)	-
T O T A L	(maximum 230 points)	-

Size Criteria Calculation for Group Projects:

Total Acreage in Group

Total No. of Participants in Group

Average Acreage in Group

0

NRCS Signature _____ Title: _____

USFWS Concurrence _____ Title: _____